



GOLF SWING AND HIP ROTATION CONNECTOR
GOLF SWING TRAINING APPARATUS

[0001] The invention relates to a new golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator as well as its use as a training device for learning to play golf, especially for learning a good golf swing and proper tee.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] A large number of auxiliary exercise means are known in the field of learning to ~~improve~~ or improving one's golf swing while playing golf. The objective of all these means is to perform a good golf swing. This golf swing on the other hand is closely related to the leading arm, striking arm and hips of the golf player's body.

[0003] US Pat No. 4,691,924 describes a golf training device which consists of a first band surrounding the chest and a second band surrounding the golfer's leading arm.

[0004] A similar golf training device is described in US Pat No. 3,970,316.

[0005] Although these known golf training devices according to US Pat Nos. 4,691,924 and 3,970,316 offer some progress in training the golf swing, they are still not optimal especially concerning an effective golf swing and hitting the golf ball.

[0006] It is the object of the present invention to develop a training device for learning to play golf which better controls the sequence of movement of the body, and the arms and hips in particular, while playing golf and allows in particular a more effective golf swing and better precision in hitting the golf ball.

[0007] This object is achieved in accordance with the invention in such a way that a new golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator was developed which advantageously consists of a combination of mutually connected shoulder and chest belt via an intermediate band with a loop as a hip and leg band.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] Said new golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator comprises the following:

[0009] a) a circumferentially adjustable chest belt [[1]] which is attached over the chest of a golf player ~~which on its part~~ at a level above that of the waist and comprises a length-adjustable double belt strap which in combination with the chest belt [[1]] rigidly ~~surrounds~~ encircles the upper portion of the leading arm of the golf player ~~and holds said arm back, with the double belt strap on its part consisting in the part surrounding the leading arm of a rubber belt strap 2 and 3~~ restrains independent movement thereof and the chest belt further comprising a length-adjustable belt shoulder strap [[4]] which is fixed ~~on its part~~ to the chest belt [[1]] and ~~rests over~~ overlies the shoulder of the leading arm of the golf player ~~to whose end there~~. To the chest belt is attached a belt strap 5 and to its other end a belt strap 6 with connecting strap having two sections extending diagonally downward at an angle each of between 45° and 75° to from the chest belt [[1]] and on whose ends there is attached one closure apparatus ~~7 and 8~~ each, with the end of the belt shoulder strap [[4]] and the joining place of the belt connecting strap [[5]] with the closure apparatus 8 being situated ~~[[on]]~~ at the trainee's back when carried worn and the joining place of the belt connecting strap 6 with the closure apparatus [[7]] being

attached directly adjacent to the ~~rubber belt~~ arm strap 2 and 3 and the other end of the belt shoulder strap [[4,]] with the closure apparatus 8 being connected via

[0010] b) an intermediate ~~band 9~~ connecting strap section with

[0011] c) ~~the belt~~ one portion of a strap [[11]] of the thigh loop [[10]] and the closure apparatus 7 directly connected with one section of the belt strap [[12]] of the thigh loop [[10]], with the belt portion of the strap [[11]] representing ~~on its part~~ a length-adjustable belt strap and the belt strap [[12]] a length adjustable belt strap and the two belt straps [[11]] and [[12]] ~~stand~~ extending diagonally across the chest and back at an angle of 75° to 110°, especially preferably 90°, with respect to each other.

[0012] ~~The following explanations in connection with figs. 1 to 3 (figs.) illustrate the golf swing and hip rotation connector in accordance with the invention in closer detail.~~

THE DRAWINGS

[0013] Fig. 1 shows the entire combination parts of parts of the training apparatus ~~of the chest belt 1 including the rubber belt straps 2 and 3 and the belt strap 4 with the intermediate band 9 and the loop 10 for the new golf swing and hip rotation connector;~~

[0014] Fig. 2 shows the ~~sole~~ chest belt [[1]] including the ~~rubber belt straps 2 and 3 and the belt~~ arm strap and the shoulder strap [[4, and]] ;

[0015] Fig. 3 shows a detailed view of the ~~rubber belt straps 2 and 3~~ arm strap;

[0016] Fig. 4 is a front view showing the training apparatus as it appears when worn by a trainee;

Fig. 5 is a rear view showing the apparatus when worn by the trainee; and

Fig. 6 is a side view of the apparatus when worn.

[0017] The reference numerals have the following meaning in said figures 1 to 3:

[0018] 1 = The chest belt which preferably consists of a non-elastic belt strap. The circumferential length is approximately 1000 mm to 1500 mm, preferably 1100 mm and is length adjustable. The width of the chest belt is between 40 mm and 60 mm, preferably 50 mm, and its thickness is between 1 mm and 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.2 mm.

[0020] The chest belt 1 can be opened by means of a buckle attached to the chest belt 1 and can be adjusted simultaneously in its circumference and its length, with the closure appropriately being made by means of a Velcro fastener, with the Velcro fastener being fixed to the outside of the chest belt 1, or with the chest belt 1 being provided with a snap buckle at position 1/1 for example (fig.1).

[0021] 2 = Outer ~~rubber-belt~~ arm strap, and

[0022] 3 = inner ~~rubber-belt~~ elastic arm strap jointly forming inner and outer sections of a double ~~rubber-belt~~ strap which is ~~elastic and~~ is fixed on the one side to the chest belt 1 and can be closed on the other side by means of a ~~belt-strap~~ 2/3 ~~by a buckle in the length by means of a~~ Velcro fastener. The outer ~~rubber-belt~~ strap section 2 has a free surface and is suitable for outwardly applying a LOGO. The width of the each inner and outer ~~rubber-belt-strap~~ section is 80 to 120 mm each, especially preferably 100 mm, the thickness 0.8 mm to 1.2 mm, especially preferably 1.0 mm, and the length is 300 mm to 400 mm, preferably 350 mm. The inner ~~rubber~~

belt strap section 3 is used especially preferably to cover any sewing work arising by the attachment of the LOGO on the inside of the outer ~~rubber-belt~~ strap section 2. When carrying the chest belt 1, the upper portion of the golf player's leading arm is situated between the outside of the ~~rubber-belt~~ strap section 3 and the chest belt 1, i.e. the ~~rubber-belt~~ strap[[s]] sections 2 and 3 are situated close to each other and appear visually as a uniform band.

[0023] The double ~~belt~~ arm strap which consists of the outer ~~rubber-belt~~ section 2 and the inner ~~rubber-belt~~ section 3 can also consist of only a single ~~rubber-belt~~ strap section 2 or 3 in accordance with a variant of the invention.

[0024] A further embodiment of the invention provides an advantageously downwardly facing and fastened closure (~~13, fig. 1~~) 13 (Fig. 1), e.g. a snap buckle, between the two ~~rubber-belt~~ strap[[s]] sections (~~2~~) and (~~3~~) 2 and 3 in order to fasten a leading arm rail with a joint (at the level of the arm joint).

[0025] 4 = A ~~belt~~ shoulder strap which is carried extends over the shoulder to support the chest belt at a level above the wearer's waist (~~shoulder-belt-strap~~) (of the trainee's leading arm). It is connected rigidly at both ends with the chest belt 1 and can be adjusted in its length and opened by means of a buckle closure.

[0026] The fixing of the ~~belt~~ shoulder strap to the chest belt 1 is situated at the one end directly close to the buckle (4A, Fig.1) for adjusting the length of the ~~rubber-belt-strap~~ arm strap sections 2 and 3, and at the other end approx. 200 mm away from the fixing of the ~~rubber-belt-strap~~ arm strap sections 2 and 3 to the chest belt 1. ~~Belt~~ The shoulder strap 4 is not elastic, has a length of 400 to 500 mm, preferably

450 mm, a width of 20 mm to 35 mm, especially preferably 25 mm, and a thickness of 0.8 to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.0 mm.

[0027] 5 = A ~~belt~~ fastening strap of a length of approximately 20 mm to 50 mm, especially preferably 30 mm, and a width of 20 to 35 mm, especially preferably 25 mm, and a thickness of 1.0 to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.2mm, which is fastened ~~with~~ at one end to the chest belt 1 at the fastening point of the ~~belt~~ shoulder strap 4 and ~~comprises~~ includes a closure apparatus at the other end, especially preferably a snap buckle, with which the ~~belt~~ strap 5 can be connected via the closure apparatus 8 with the intermediate part 9.

[0028] 6 = A ~~belt~~ fastening strap of a length of approximately 20 mm to 50 mm, especially preferably 30 mm, and a width of 20 to 35 mm, especially preferably 25 mm, and a thickness of 1.0 to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.2 mm, which is fastened ~~with~~ at one end to the chest belt 1 and ~~comprises~~ includes a closure apparatus at the other end, especially preferably a snap buckle, with which the ~~belt~~ strap 6 can be directly connected with the loop 10 via the ~~belt~~ strap 11.

[0029] 5/6 = The angles of the ~~fixed-belt~~ strap 6 to the chest belt 1 and the ~~fixed-belt~~ strap 6 to the chest belt 1 can be mutually independent or preferably dependent and are 45° to 75°, in particular 60°.

[0030] 7/8 = Closure apparatuses, especially preferably snap buckles on the belt straps 5 and 6.

[0031] 9 = Non-elastic ~~belt~~ strap which is used as an ~~intermediate~~ a connecting band from the ~~belt~~ strap 5 of the chest belt 1 to the ~~belt~~ strap 11 of the loop 10. The length

without the closure connections is approx. 180 mm to 230 mm, especially preferably 200 mm, with a width of 22 mm to 30 mm, especially preferably 25 mm, and a thickness of 0.8 mm to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.2 mm. The two closures, preferably snap buckles, on the ~~belt~~ strap 9 are fixed to the respective ends of the ~~belt~~ strap.

[0032] 10 = A ~~loop~~, preferably ~~[[a]]~~ non-elastic ~~belt~~ thigh strap forming a loop with a circumference of approximately 300 to 800 mm, especially preferably 600 mm, a width of 45 mm to 60 mm, especially preferably 50 mm, and a thickness of 1 mm to 1.5 mm, preferably 1.2 mm. This loop can additionally optionally be equipped with an elastic ~~rubber~~ reinforcing band with a width of 80 mm to 130 mm, especially preferably 100 mm, and a thickness of 0.8 mm to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.0 mm, which is fastened to the loop 10 at two opposite points approximately in the middle of loop 10, so that it rests horizontally on the thigh when being worn. It can be provided ~~on its part~~ with a LOGO facing outwardly.

[0033] The loop (~~10~~) can advantageously also be interrupted by and provided with a length-adjustable snap buckle at location 10/1 (fig. 1) for example.

[0034] 11 = A non-elastic ~~belt~~ connecting strap which is fastened to one end of the loop 10 and is length-adjustable, having a length of approximately 220 mm to 270 mm, especially preferably 250 mm, a width of 22 mm to 30 mm, especially preferably 25 mm, and a thickness of 1 mm to 1.5 mm, especially preferably 1.2 mm, and which is provided at the other end with a closure apparatus, especially preferably a snap buckle, for joining with the ~~intermediate~~ connecting band 9.

[0035] 12 = A non-elastic ~~belt~~ connecting strap which is fastened to one end of the loop 10 and is length-adjustable, having a length of approximately 500mm to 600 mm, ~~especially preferably~~ 550 mm, a width of 22 mm to 30 mm, ~~especially preferably~~ 25 mm, and a thickness of 1 mm to 1.5 mm, ~~especially preferably~~ 1.2 mm, and which is provided at the other end with a closure apparatus, ~~especially preferably~~ a snap buckle, which is used to directly join with the chest belt 1 at the closure point 7.

[0036] The two non-elastic ~~belt~~ connecting straps 11 and 12 are mutually fastened to the loop 10 at an angle of 75° to 110°, preferably 90°.

[0037] A preferred embodiment of the golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator in accordance with the invention for a grown person is that said ~~connector~~ coordinator consists of the following:

[0038] a) a circumferentially adjustable non-elastic chest belt 1 with a width of 50 mm and a thickness of 1.2 mm which, when worn, ~~is attached over~~ encircles the back and the chest of a golf player, above the level of the player's waist; which belt ~~comprises on its part~~ is joined to a length-adjustable ~~double-belt arm~~ strap which ~~in combination with the chest belt 1 rigidly surrounds~~ encircles the upper portion of the leading arm of the golf player at the level of the chest belt and holds said arm back, with the double belt strap on its part consisting in the part surrounding the leading arm restrains independent movement of the arm. The arm strap of an outside elastic rubber ~~belt~~ strap 2 and an inner elastic ~~belt~~ strap 3, which each ~~have on their part~~ has a width of 100 mm, thickness of 1 mm and a length of 350 mm, ~~and the~~ .
The chest belt 1 further comprising comprises a length-

adjustable non-elastic ~~belt~~ shoulder strap 4 which has a length of 450 mm, a width of 25 mm and a thickness of 1 mm and which ~~on its part~~ is fixed to the chest belt 1 and, when worn, ~~rests over~~ overlies the shoulder of the leading arm of the golf player and maintains the chest belt at the desired level to whose . To one end ~~there~~ of the shoulder strap is attached a ~~belt~~ coupling strap 5 of 30 mm length and to whose other end a ~~belt~~ connecting strap 6 with a length of 30 mm, with each being fastened to the chest belt 1 at an angle each of approximately 60°, and on whose ends there is attached one snap buckle 7 and 8 each, with the end of the ~~belt~~ shoulder strap 4 and the joining place of the ~~belt~~ strap 5 with the snap buckle 8 being situated on the back when worn and the joining place of the ~~belt~~ connecting strap 6 with the snap buckle 7 being situated directly adjacent to the rubber ~~belt~~ arm straps 2 and 3 when worn, with the snap buckle 8 being connected via

[0039] b) an intermediate ~~band~~ connecting strap 9 with

[0040] c) the ~~belt~~ strap 11 of the thigh loop 10 and the snap buckle 7 directly with the ~~belt~~ connecting strap 12 on the loop 10, with the ~~belt~~ strap 11 representing ~~on its part~~ a length-adjustable ~~belt~~ connecting strap of 250 mm length, 25 mm width and 1.2 mm thickness, and the ~~belt~~ connecting strap 12 representing a length-adjustable ~~belt~~ connecting strap of 550 mm length, 25 mm width and 1.2 mm thickness, and with the two ~~belt~~ straps 11 and 12 being fastened to the thigh loop 10 at an angle of 90° with respect to each other.

[0041] The advantages of the golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator in accordance with the invention over the known devices allow a precise control of the movements and the position of the leading arm when striking the golf

ball, namely both hip rotation as well as downward swing, as a result of the combination of the chest belt 1 and ~~hip-belt~~ thigh loop 10 via an intermediate ~~belt~~ connecting strap 9. This combination of a ~~mutually~~ diagonally connected chest belt 1 and ~~hip-belt~~ thigh loop 10 leads to a controlled sequence of the striking arm, with the upper arm portion of the leading arm being ~~rigidly~~ non-elastically connected to the chest belt, so that the elbow is not allowed to pivot outwardly during the strike. The leading arm is also better supported by the shoulder ~~belt~~ strap 4. The ~~belt~~ width of the chest belt 1 is kept narrow, leading to comfortable wearing (especially for ladies). The ~~hip-belt~~ thigh loop combined with the chest belt 1 also leads to an increase in control of the swing sequence because the hip is automatically rotated rearwardly during the back swing and forwardly during the down swing. All this leads to a virtually automatic optimal golf swing and thus to an excellent tee stroke. The dream comes true for many practicing golf players to hit the golf ball optimally when learning to play golf.

[0042] The golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator is worn over garments and is put on very quickly by pulling the chest belt 1 over the golf player's chest. Then the leading arm is positioned between the chest belt 1 and the ~~double-belt~~ arm strap consisting of the ~~rubber-belt~~ elastic straps 2 and 3 and finally the ~~belt~~ shoulder strap 4 is pulled over the shoulder of the leading arm. Secondly, the loop 10 is then pulled over the ~~diagonal~~ thigh ~~[[to]]~~ diagonally remote from the leading arm and is connected via the ~~intermediate~~ belt connecting strap 9 ~~[[or]]~~ directly with the chest belt 1. Thirdly, the entire combination of the golf swing and hip

rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator is tightened and set by means of the attached buckle closures.

[0043] The golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator in accordance with the invention is used as a training device especially in golf schools, golf academies, etc. as well as in private use at home or in the garden both for male and female golf players, and both left-hand and right-hand players.

[0044] The golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator in accordance with the invention is both suitable for golf players using the right arm as the striking arm and the left arm as the leading arm as well as for such golf players who use the left arm as the striking arm and the right arm as the leading arm.

[0045] The new golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator can be produced in any size, i.e. both in children's sizes for boys and girls as well as in adult sizes for men and women. It can be removed easily from the body, can be washed (hand washing), is light weight (approximately 300 to 400 grams) and is comfortable to wear.

[0046] The illustrations (~~figs. 1 to 3~~) show the golf swing and hip rotation ~~connector~~ coordinator in accordance with the invention in closer detail.

ABSTRACT:

~~A new golf swing and hip rotation connector, comprising a combination of:~~

~~—— a) —— a chest belt (1), comprising on its part a double rubber belt strap (2) and (3) which together with the chest belt (1) surround the leading arm of the golf player, and a belt strap (4) which rests over the shoulder of the leading arm of the golf player;~~

~~—— b) —— an intermediate band (9), and~~

~~—— c) —— a loop (10) which, when worn, is situated diagonally to the leading arm and is connected with the chest belt (1) both directly as well as via the intermediate band (9), with said combination being used especially as a training device for learning to play golf.~~

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A chest belt for encircling the back and chest of a trainee at a level above the waist, an arm strap for accommodating the upper arm portion of the trainee's leading arm, a shoulder strap for overlying the shoulder of the leading arm, a thigh strap forming a loop for encircling that thigh of the trainee opposite the leading arm, and connecting straps coupling the thigh straps to the chest strap and extending diagonally across the front and back of the trainee. The construction is such that the trainee's shoulders and hips partake of coordinated movements during the execution of a golf swing.